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| For        | : IMAGE FORMATION DEVICE AND IMAGE FORMATION METHOD        |                         |

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of January 22, 2010, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to April 22, 2010, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Office Action in view of the herein-contained amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.